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SUBJ: MAURITANIAN VESSEL PURCHASES

1. REGIONAL FISHERIES ATTACHE FOLSOM RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM MALCOMB CHAPMAN, REPRESENTING HALTER MARINE. CHAPMAN SAID HE WAS RECENTLY IN MAURITANIA TO DISCUSS BIDS FOR FISHING VESSELS. CHAPMAN, WHO HAS SPOKEN TO NMFS/NOAA/USDOC OFFICIALS AND TO DAVID SHINN, EX-DCM, SOUGHT RFA ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING MAURITANIAN VESSEL NEEDS. CHAPMAN SAID GIRM FISHERY OFFICIALS DO NOT KNOW THEMSELVES THEIR EXACT NEEDS, BUT PLAN TO STOP JAPANESE AND RUSSIAN FISHERIES IN THEIR WATERS.

2. RFA WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT GIRM DOES PLAN TO PURCHASE FISHING VESSELS AND IS FO WHAT ARE THEIR REQUIREMENTS.

3. RFA, RECALLING GIRM'S FAILURE IN MID-1960'S TO OPERATE A US DOLS 12 MILLION FISHING FLEET, IS CONCERNED THAT AN ATTEMPT TO SUPPLY U.S. FISHING VESSELS WITHOUT FULL GIRM PARTICIPATION, AND UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THESE VESSELS CAN DO, COULD EVENTUALLY

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LEAD TO ADVERSE FEELINGS IF THESE VESSELS DON'T LIVE UP TO THEIR EXPECTATIONS.

4. RFA COULD VERY EASILY SUPPORT EFFORT TO SELL SMALL (UNDER 50 FEET) FIBER-GLASS WORK BOATS--WITH VERY SIMPLE INBOARD DIESEL ENGINE--FOR USE BY IMRAGUEN FISHERMEN. RFA, LESS CERTAIN, HOWEVER, ABOUT U.S. SHIP-

YARDS ATTEMPTING TO SUPPLY GIRM WITH VESSELS FOR CEPHALOPODE FISHERIES--UNLESS A QUALIFIED FISHERIES EXPERT REVIEW ENTIRE PROJECT (ESPECIALLY QUESTION OF FINDING QUALIFIED CREWMEN) WITH GIRM OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE GIRM'S REQUIREMENTS.

5. IF VESSEL SALE OPPORTUNITY DOES EXIST, THEN RFA WOULD ENCOURAGE GIRM TO CONSIDER PURCHASE OF U.S. FISHING VESSELS, WHICH CAN DO AN EXCELLENT JOB. RFA'S MAIN CONCERN, THUS, IS SIMPLY TO AVOID CONFUSION AND ILL FEELINGS AT A LATER DATE SIMPLY BECAUSE A CLEAR INDICATION OF REQUIREMENTS HAS NOT BEEN FULLY SPELLED OUT IN DETAIL.

6. THIS CABLE WAS PROMPTED BY CHAPMAN'S OWN COMMENT THAT GIRM DID NOT KNOW THEIR REQUIREMENTS ALONG SIMPLE FISHING TECHNIQUES.

7. RFA READY TO PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO FIRMS OR INDIVIDUALS WHO COULD BE CONTACTED TO HELP GIRM DETERMINE THE BEST TYPE OF VESSEL NEEDED TO MEET THEIR NEEDS.
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